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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of Claims 31-38 by the Examiner is further noted and appreciated.

The indication by the Examiner that Claims 24-30 would be allowable if they are written to overcome the objections set forth in the Office Action is still further acknowledged and appreciated.

Independent Claim 24 has been amended to correct a typographical error. A reconsideration for allowance of the newly amended independent Claim 24, and its dependent Claim 25-30 by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

**Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102(b)**

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 9 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Higashikawa et al '637.

Claims 1, 2 4-7 and 9 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims, i.e. claims 24-30, are now in

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condition for allowance. Such favorable action, together with the passage to issuance of the allowed claims 31-38, is respectfully solicited from the Examiner.

In the event that the present invention is not in a condition for allowance for any other reasons, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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